GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:405
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IRRIGATION POTENTIAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to take up creek irrigation and tank irrigation under Central Project Programmes to avoid harassment to drought prone States and to increase irrigation potential by augmenting the water resource; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Starred Question No.405 to be answered on 22.4.2002 in Lok Sabha regarding Irrigation Potential

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a State subject, all minor irrigation projects including Creek and Tank Irrigation are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves from their own plan funds and as per their own priority. However under the Central Sector Pilot Scheme, "Study of recharge of Ground Water", being implemented in the other parts of the country, Ministry of Water Resources has taken up two schemes for impounding fresh water and arresting salinity ingress for augmenting irrigation potential in 34 creeks of drought and salinity prone districts of Orissa.

Also under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, being implanted b y the Ministry o f Water Resources, Central Loan Assistance is being provided to special category States including three drought prone KBK districts of Orissa. 23 surface flow schemes including tanks are under AIBP funding for which Rs. 34.72 crore havebeen released during the last three years (1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002).